

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the specification has been amended, claims 1-22 have been canceled, and new claims 23-47 have been added.

The amendments to the specification are essentially the same as implemented in the parent application. In addition, a new paragraph has been inserted on page 22 between lines 11 and 12. That new paragraph, which refers to the fact that opening port 150 has its major dimension parallel to a width direction of the body frame 10, is supported by the original disclosure including original Fig. 6.

The transmittal of this divisional application requests correction of inventorship to delete Hiroaki Shichi, so that only Yasuaki Yatagai and Hitoshi Matsumura should be listed as joint inventors for the subject matter claimed in this divisional application.


This divisional application is one of three divisional applications simultaneously filed with respect to parent U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/365,417, filed February 13, 2003. The two other simultaneously filed divisional applications of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/365,417 bear attorney docket numbers 4059- 21 and 4059- 22. Also simultaneously filed is a divisional application for U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/159,117, filed June 3, 2002 (attorney docket: 4059-20).

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite for the record the references cited in the parent application(s). Appropriate PTO-1449 forms are attached in this regard. In addition, Applicants request consideration and citation of the following further references (for which an appropriate PTO-1449 form is also presented): US Patent 6,510,912 and US 2002/0100631.

Applicants respectfully request prompt and favorable consideration of the application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

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